



DATE: March 8, 2022
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FROM: Committee

Projects Recommended for Funding Under the RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration
Re: Trust Fund

The RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Team’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 to rank the 5 full proposals submitted to CRMC for consideration of funding under the state’s Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Trust Fund. Of the proposals reviewed for the 2021-2022 funding cycle, five are recommended for funding.

The projects recommended for full funding are:

1. Ten Mile River Reservation Dam Removal Assessment (\$50,000)
2. Woonasquatucket River Streambank Stabilization: San Souci Drive (\$50,000)
3. Salt marsh restoration and adaptation at Fogland Point, the Haile Preserve on the Palmer River and Canonchet marsh on the Narrow River (\$50,000)

The projects recommended for partial funding are:

1. Norman Bird Sanctuary Habitat Restoration: Invasive Removal and Native Planting (\$25,000)
2. Improving Fish Passage on the Saugatucket River (\$50,000)

In addition, the committee has created a contingency list of projects to be funded in the event that a project recommended for funding is unable to go forward or the requested funds are not needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

2021-2022 Contingency List:

1. Remainder of requested funds for Improving Fish Passage on the Saugatucket River (\$20,000)

All proposals are evaluated and ranked using standard criteria and an evaluation form developed by the TAC, available on the CRMC website at <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/habitatrestoration.html>.

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In this agenda package, you will find:

- A summary showing all proposals, matching fund amounts, and the funding amount recommended by the TAC.
- A map showing the geographic distribution of Habitat Trust Fund funded projects
- Narrative text of all proposals submitted to CRMC for consideration for fiscal year 2022.